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LATEST TIDINGS FROM SPORTLAND

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HARVARD WANTS
TO FILL UP OPEN
END OF STADIUM

Harvard wants to throw away its "standing room only" sign, but it cannot. While the capacity of the Stadium remains less than 50,000, and while the biennial Yale-Harvard game is held in the crescent stands, the R. R. O. sign will have to be dashed.

Sport for sport's sake is a fine phrase and is as well applied at Cambridge as elsewhere, but the Harvard Athletic Association has to turn away spectators with \$2 bills in their hands as much as the most grasping theatre manager or wrestling promoter. Therefore, the Harvard authorities are looking toward the future, when it will be necessary to increase the Stadium's capacity.

The plan most frequently advanced to augment the capacity of the Stadium is to close up the open end of the structure with cement stands that would match exactly the main body of the horseshoe as it stands at present. That would transform the Stadium into a bowl, but it would bring the capacity to more than 50,000, and it would take only a few Yale games to have the addition pay for itself.

There is opposition to this plan at Cambridge, however. Many Harvard men had rather have the Stadium remain as it is than to have their esthetic senses jarred by an elliptical structure such as is proposed. They want the horseshoe kept at all hazards, whether the seating capacity is kept down or not. They don't object to the temporary wooden stands that are always built to accommodate the overflow at the big games each season, but they do object to a proposal to have the open end closed in permanently.

The wooden stands have already come in for a slashing at the hands of the Boston building commissioner, and the R. A. A. would doubtless prefer a permanent structure to close in the open end. It costs a great deal of money to erect the bleachers once a year for a single big game with Yale or Princeton, and annual expenditures are also necessary to prevent any fires in the wooden stands. But while the attitude of the powers remains as it now is, the stands will have to be built.

The Stadium proper is destined to stand at Harvard for years and years. It was the first structure of its kind built by a college for its athletic teams and it is undoubtedly the best that even the Yale Bowl or the new Princeton Stadium. It would be futile to try to remodel the Harvard horseshoe. It is as solid as the rock of Gibraltar, and about as likely to crumble as that noted defensive promontory.

A battery of German siege guns might make a fairly successful wreck of the Stadium, but it would take years of battering to clear away the ruins. Harvard must therefore be content with the Stadium itself, and if changes are to be made to increase the capacity, they must be made at the open end.

NEW YORK FEDS
SAY FRANK BAKER
WILL WIN THEM

New York, Dec. 3.—Frank Baker, the "trappe" home-run king, will wear a New York uniform next season. That is absolutely certain. Whether John Franklin, the home-run king, wears the uniform of the New York Federals will depend on an interesting little bidding contest between Cap Huston of the Yankees and "Old Man" Sinclair.

However, it seems the genial "Cap" has named his top price and will not go any further. In that event it looks as though Baker's summer address will be 14th street and Leaox avenue. Evelyn's and Baker's case have moved fast within the last few days. Bill Donovan called up Connie Mack, manager of the Athletics, early in the week and obtained Connors's permission to talk "blatant" to the slugging third baseman. The Yankees agreed to pay a stated sum to Mack should they be successful in signing Baker to a contract.

Donovan then made an engagement with Baker in Wilmington last Wednesday, where Huston, Donovan and Baker held a conference. However, the Cap and Wild Bill turned out to be a little more than a "blatant" signature to the contract they took to Wilmington. J. Franklin placed an entirely too high value on his services.

"There was nothing doing with Baker," said Wild Bill.

"We are no nearer to getting Baker now than we were six months ago," said Huston.

DUNDEE WINNER IN
BOAT WITH BLOOM

New York, Dec. 3.—That the fight fans are always certain to be on hand when fireworks are promised and usually can, recent real action was conclusively shown last night at the Pioneer Sporting Club, when Johnny Dundee, the New York lightweight, met Phil Bloom of Brooklyn in their return engagement. "Scotty" Monteth's human dynamo supplied the fireworks, and at the conclusion of the 10 rounds there was scarcely one who would say that Bloom earned as much as a draw.

Although he began well and for a time had Dundee at a loss how to get around a stabbing left jab, Bloom was gradually fought into the ground and three rounds are about the best that can be given him.

When he stood off and boxed Bloom proved a better man than his opponent. Only when he himself required a rest, however, would the New York lightweight let his Brooklyn rival get away with this.

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Newark, N. J., Dec. 2.—Who is the best amateur golfer of the year—Jerry Travers, who won the open; Bob Gardner, who won the amateur championship; or Max Marston, who won the most important tournaments the golfing season? Marston, the New Jersey champion, has earned an enviable place in the season just closed. His latest achievement was the winning of the championship of the amateurs next spring, Marston will not be far from the scratch mark. He won six important tournaments in 1915, including the championship of New Jersey. He was also runner-up at two other big tournaments and was semi-finalist in the amateur championship at Detroit. His latest achievement was the winning of the Thanksgiving tournament at Lakewood. Only three weeks before he triumphed at Atlantic City. It was in the amateur championship at Detroit that Marston probably made his best showing. Having the championship almost in his grasp, he missed a shot and put him in the final. Marston has proved himself an ideal match player. He does not care about breaking records in qualifying rounds, being content to save his energy for his opponents later on.

SPORT TALK
HANDED OUT
BY WAGNER

The news that Champion Jess Willard has been matched to fight Fred Fulton in a 20-round bout in New Orleans March, will not cause boxing fans to turn joyful handclappers. It was hoped that Moran, Coffey or some other good man would be selected for Willard's opponent but evidently they wouldn't accept a "small" purse. The champion is to get \$32,500 win, lose or draw. Fulton, comes from Rochester, Minn. He fights at 220 pounds, about 20 pounds lighter than Willard, and his reach is about an inch and one-half longer than the champion's. Fulton stands about two inches shorter than Willard. In the two years he has been boxing Fulton has been in 35 fights and has knocked out 34 of his opponents.

Washington Glee club rosters are so enthusiastic over the chance of their football players, against the Remington-Arms team next Sunday at Newfield park that they intend to hire a special train to bring their crowd from New Haven to this city. Meanwhile, the Arms players are drilling hard and are confident of keeping their record clean.

Bob Folwell, who has been very successful as coach of the Washington and Jefferson eleven, is a candidate for head coach at Pennsylvania. He says he hopes there will be an investigation at Penn like that planned for Yale. He calls attention to the fact that there are only 200 students at Washington and Jefferson while Penn has 5,000. Folwell says the men in charge at Penn for the past three years have not made good and no excuses can be offered.

ST. MARY'S AND
ST. JOHN'S WIN
HOLY NAME GAMES

Two fast games were played last night when the Holy Name Basketball league opened its season at St. John's hall. A good crowd turned out and the rooting was enthusiastic. The St. John's, who were tallenders last season, are much stronger this year and they beat the Sacred Hearts 19 to 10. Gartland starred for the Johns by getting four goals and six from the foul line. Kenny and Greivy of the Johns also played well. Lannon led the Hearts in scoring. The lineup:

SACRED HEARTS. ST. JOHN'S.
Lannon. Greivy.
Doyle. R. F. Lucas.
Murphy. L. F. Lipfak.
Rainville. C. Kenny, Hudak.
Garrity, T. Martin. R. G. Gartland.
L. G.

Goals, Gartland 4, Greivy 1, Lannon 3, Murphy 3, goals from foul line, Gartland 5, Greivy 1, Murphy 2. In the second game the St. Mary's boys cleaned up the St. Charles five by 23 to 16. Whalen of the winners made high score of the evening by casting seven. Hochheimer and Brennan did well for the Charles boys. Joe Waters refereed both contests and pleased everybody. The lineup:

CHARLEY BARRETT
OF CORNELL MAY
ENTER ANNAPOLIS

Philadelphia, Dec. 3.—A rumor spread about the campus of Pennsylvania University yesterday afternoon that Charley Barrett, captain of the Cornell football team, and almost unanimous choice of football critics in the east for the quarterback position of the All-Eastern eleven, will go to Annapolis after his graduation from Cornell next June.

Several friends of Barrett said that an announcement was awaiting him from his home district and he may accept it. In the event that he does the great Cornell player will be following the footsteps of Charles Daly, former Harvard star and coach of this year's victorious army eleven.

Daly entered West Point after he had left the doors of Old Harvard behind him, and if Barrett follows in the footsteps of this former gridiron star he will continue to play football in the role of a Naval Academy cadet.

Although Barrett has played three years of intercollegiate football, this will not prevent him from representing the navy on the gridiron during the four years he is attending the academy. The matter which is open for discussion at the present time is whether or not Charley will enter the naval service. The report that the Cornell athlete had decided to go to the Naval Academy was received from an authentic source, and unless something unforeseen happens, Barrett will enter the academy next June.

YALE PLAYERS TO
BE REINSTATED AT
COMING MEETING?

New Haven, Dec. 3.—Just what the eligibility conference in New York will do to the present rules and regulations which obtain at Yale—more honored in the breach—is a question which is interesting not only the Yale undergraduate body, but the alumni and Harvard members of the Yale faculty as well. The deliberations, it is said, will be read with positive enthusiasm, almost as great, in fact, as would a despatch telling of the selection of a new coach for the football team next year.

The opinion seems to be that the baseball men who ate a few ice creams on the house, at Quogue, will be reinstated. Including a greater share of the entire proceeding, already one of the magnificent examples of blunder in the history of "summer baseball" and its problems. It is not the intention of the writer to take up the question of placing the blame, that was done in a former article on the question, but rather to take a look forward and see what the prospects are of a new outcome on the reinstatement problem.

The forecast is this: The vote will be taken to reinstate the five men, with Princeton, Harvard and Yale voting two, the vote of the "yes" and Yale will counter with a "nay" two to one, Yale loses again, not by 41 to 8, however, and back go the young gentlemen as eligibles. So as the sharp.

This will give Yale the moral strength attained by standing by her own ruling, without, however, doing anything but exactly reversing her action, through the kind forbearance of their one-time enemies. It will also make the present eligibility code the deadest of the dead letters or alphabets.

LEFTY FLYNN OF
YALE FAME TO TRY
MATRIMONY AGAIN

New York, Dec. 3.—Maurice Bennett (Lefty) Flynn, star fullback on the Yale team of 1912, who was refused readmission to the university because he contracted what the Yale authorities termed a "notorious marriage" with Rena Leary, a Winter Garden girl, and who was later divorced by the same court, was made last night of his engagement to Miss Blanche Shrove Palmer, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Edmund J. Palmer of 103 West Eighty-sixth street. The news came from Syracuse, where "Lefty" spends his time when in the East. The couple met while visiting in the up-state city.

Though no date has been set, it is said the wedding will take place this winter. At present Flynn is on a ranch in Colorado, and it is rumored he is to take his bride there.

After being the sensation of the football year at Yale in 1912, Flynn surprised his college mates by eloping to New York and marrying Rena Leary on Jan. 6, 1913.

The parents of the young man frowned upon the match and an announcement was talked of on the ground that he was under age. The union proved an unhappy one. In the following July Mrs. Flynn began divorce proceedings, naming another charge as a decree of divorce was obtained by the show girl in February, 1914. Flynn gained his nickname in his college days from punting with his left foot.

CUTLER IS KNOCKED
SENSELESS BY ABERG

Charley Cutler was knocked unconscious by being thrown to the floor by Alex Aberg, the world's champion ketchball material. At the Manhattan Opera House, the bout had gone 40 minutes when Aberg threw Cutler. As Cutler went down his head struck the floor with stunning force.

General Goethals telegraphed Secretary of War Garrison that it is impossible to estimate the time when the Panama Canal may be reopened.

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HUGHEY JENNINGS MAY BE
NEW YORK FEDERAL MANAGER

Outlaws Also Considering Fielder Jones and Stovall For Job of Running New Team.

Chicago, Dec. 3.—Hughey Jennings, for several years the manager of the Detroit American league team, may be the manager of the New York Federal league team in 1916. There are three big men in baseball under consideration for the position, but the Tiger leader is the most likely candidate, according to Harry F. Sinclair, owner of the Newark Federal league club, who arrived in Chicago yesterday morning on his way from Tulsa, Oklahoma, to New York.

The other prospective managers of the new team which will invade New York are Fielder Jones and George Stovall. The former is the manager of the St. Louis Feds and the latter the leader of the Kansas City team, which forfeited its franchise and was transferred to New York.

Mr. Sinclair said a lot of interesting things to the baseball fans. He said the baseball war has slumbered down until it is a question of the survival of the fittest. He complimented Ban Johnson, president of the American league, and said he was an ideal leader, who had fighting blood in him. Mr. Sinclair said he was in the battle to the finish with the Federal league despite the result. He said:

WELSH TO MEET
WHITE IN TWENTY
ROUND BOUT SOON

New York, Dec. 3.—Articles of agreement were signed yesterday for a bout of 20 rounds or more for the lightweight boxing championship of the world. The contenders will be Freddie Welsh, the title holder, and Charley White of Chicago. The boys have met before in 10-round contests in New York, but this will be their first match for the title.

The fight will take place within six weeks, and the managers are now awaiting bonds from responsible clubs. It is probable the bout will be held in California. It was decided to make the weights for the match 135 pounds at 2 p. m., or in the case of an afternoon contest at 10 a. m., the place of weighing to be mutually agreed upon.

The champion's manager would not say yesterday what he thought would be a good offer for the fight, but he asserted that Welsh has always been ready to defend his title, provided a sufficient guarantee was put up. Pollok has steadily held out for \$15,000 flat, with an option of 35 per cent of the gate receipts if they exceeded a certain sum. He is also insistent in his demands for a large share of the moving picture rights, if any pictures are taken of the bout.

BRICKLEY NOT WANTED
AS PENNSYLVANIA COACH
QUAKER OFFICIALS SAY

Philadelphia, Dec. 3.—The rumor that Charles Brickley, Harvard's former star back, has been approached by the University of Pennsylvania football authorities in regard to the coaching of the Quakers' football team is unfounded, states Wharton Sinkler, chairman of the football committee at that institution.

Information was received that the former Crimson athlete had received an offer to take charge of the Red and Blue gridiron eleven in 1916. Sinkler asserted there was nothing to the story. Only a Pennsylvania graduate is wanted.

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Kid Williams, at 22,
Seems to Have Hit
the Down Grade

After having basked in the white light that beamed upon a pugilistic throne for more than a year, little Johnny Gutenko, of Baltimore, seems to have hit the downward grade. Johnny, who is better known in our set as Kid Williams, is already an ex-champion of the bantamweights, in the opinion of many experts, who hold Weepee Ertle, the St. Paul bantam, became the legitimate title holder by winning from Williams on a foul in Minneapolis some weeks ago.

The Baltimore Dane has let out an anguished cry to the effect that he was the victim of a frame-up in the Flour City affair, and to punish the westerners, he has made a solemn vow never, never to fight in Minneapolis again. Of course, accidents happen in the best of families, and Williams may have lost to Ertle by a fluke. The prevalent suspicion that the Kid is slipping is strengthened by his defeat at the hands of Pal Moore, the Kansas City bantam. The Kid's alibi in this case is that it was a home-town decision.

Williams will be twenty-two years old next Sunday, and at that age he ought to be a pugilistic power, but this doesn't seem to be the case. In former days Williams usually won his contests by so wide a margin that explanations and alibis were totally unnecessary—except for the other fellow. Since he attained championship laurels Williams has been showing some signs of a swollen dome, and it is true now, as even that pride goeth before a swift kick. Although Johnny Kilbane is by no means the classiest featherweight ever, Williams was not well advised when he went up against him, for he was a considerable advantage in weight and reach.

If Williams is really slipping, perhaps the principal reason is his ambition to be a Hercules in miniature, a pocket edition Fitz, and in the process of muscular development he has seemingly sacrificed much of his former science and speed. To all outward appearances the Kid of today is markedly slower than he was a year ago. His muscles bulge much bigger than before, but while this may be very nice for photographic purposes, it doesn't help much against a clever opponent.

Whether or not he is permanently relegated to the position of an ex-champion, the Kid has been a lucky guy. Born in Copenhagen—where Battling Nelson made his debut—on Dec. 5, 1893, he came to America at an early age and settled in Baltimore. He was a newswoman when he started boxing, and he was only sixteen when he entered the professional ring. Not a single defeat was scored up against him when he met Johnny Coulton in a battle for the bantamweight championship at Vernon in June, 1914.

Williams had demonstrated his right to compete for the title by knocking out Eddie Camp, Charlie Ledoux, and other topnotchers among the little fellows. He had the good fortune to fight Coulton when the latter was in the sore and yellow, and Johnny lasted less than three rounds.

It may be that Williams has simply been the victim of over-confidence, and that now that he realizes that there are other good little fellows in the world he may take a brace and return to his old form. Two clean knockdowns at the hands of a comparatively unknown boxer like Pal Moore of Memphis ought to wake him up.

AMBASSADOR SUEW FOR \$52.

Berlin, Dec. 3.—The Tageblatt notes that the former British Ambassador in Berlin, Sir Edward Goschen, was recently sued in the Potsdam court for \$52. At the last moment the bill was paid by the American Ambassador, and the action has accordingly been withdrawn.

Fifteen ice-breakers are reported to be working to keep the port of Archangel, Russia, free from ice.

President Hilben of Princeton University announced that no Princeton student representative will be sent to Europe with Henry Ford's peace party.